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Date: January 12th, 2023
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: Empty Arms Vermont Special Use Permit for August 19th 2023

Request for a Special Use Permit at Oakledge Park to hold a fundraising event and for a waiver to allow amplified sound.

Empty Arms Vermont is requesting to host their family friendly 5K run & walk Oakledge Park on Saturday, August 19th. Empty Arms Vermont provides peer support for parents whose babies have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, termination of a pregnancy for medical reasons, or infant loss. Through support groups, and partnerships with medical providers and therapists, we provide grieving parents with valuable resources and validation as they navigate the murky days, weeks, and lifetime without their baby. This event will serve as both a fundraiser to advance the mission of our organization, as well as a community event to gather families and friends to walk/run in honor of the babies we wish we had a lifetime with.

This event is expected to have between 100-200 participants and 15 volunteers. They are also requesting use of the Bike Path. They have the necessary Certificate of Insurance.

The amplified sound will take place between 9am – 12pm. They have reserved both the Upper and the Lower shelters.

Contact for the event is Chelsea Levis.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.